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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT, MARCH
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1. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE COMMISSION, THE COUNCIL
DISCUSSED THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT RENEWAL FOR ABOUT HALF
AN HOUR. THE DISCUSSION WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AND THE
OUTCOME NOT VERY CLEAR. NONE OF THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS
CHANGED POSITION. THE BRITISH TOOK BY FAR THE HARDEST
LINE. THE FRENCH SAT QUIET. (ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE,
THE FRENCH SEE THE GLOBALIZATION ISSUE AS ONE WHICH WOULD
ALLOW A CUTBACK ON ACCESS WHEREAS THE OTHERS SEE GLOBALIZA-
TION AS A STABILIZATION DEVICE. IF THE FRENCH EXPOSE THEIR
HAND, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE ISOLATED, HENCE THEIR WILLING-
NESS TO LET THE UK CARRY THE BALL.) QUITE A FEW OF THEC
REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THOUGH THEY FELT A CHANGE IN
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THE AGREEMENT WAS NECESSARY, IF THE COMMISSION COUOLD PROVE
THAT THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WERE SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE
THEIR TEXTILE PROBLEMS THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CON-
SIDER CHANGING POSITION.

2. COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS INTERVENED AND OBTAINED
AGREEMENT TO REMIT THE ISSUE TO THE COMMITTEE OF

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER). COREPER, WHICH
WILL MEET ON MARCH 11, HAS BEEN ASKED TO EXAMINE WHAT
MIGHT BE THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO GLOBALIZATION
AND WHAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD SAY NEXT WEEK AT THE
MEETING OF THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO OUR
SOURCE, THE COMMISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVE IN COREPER
THAT THE MFA CAN TAKE CARE OF COMMUNITY TEXTILE PROBLEMS
WITHOUT BEING DRASTICALLY REVISED. OUR SOURCE ALSO SAID
THAT THE COMMISSION HAS NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO POST-
PONE THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING.HINTON

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